

Town of Colrain  
Select Board Meeting  
55 Main Road/Town Office Building  
5:30 P.M.  
**MINUTES OF January 22, 2018**

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick and Eileen Sauvageau

Others present

Kevin Fox - Town Coordinator, Colleen Worden - Office Clerk, Highway Superintendent Scott Sullivan, Kate Barrows, Nina Martin Anzuoni, Brian Roach-Atlantic Canna, Jackson McLeod-Atlantic Canna, Ian Larson-Atlantic Canna, Leslie Frazier, Valeda Peters, and Peter Brooks- Energy Committee

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Thibodeau at 5:30

New Business:

**Bob Dean- Community Choice Aggregation Program:**

Bob Dean from the FRCOG attended the meeting to discuss the potential project to aggregate the purchase of residential and commercial electricity. Bob explained to the board how the program works. He explained that the FRCOG will work together with interested towns to come together as a group to issue an RFP to select one aggregation consultant to work on behalf of all towns together. Peter Brooks from the Colrain Energy Committee also attended the meeting to offer his support to the project. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that that the town would participate.

**MOVED:** Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Peter Brooks to the Electrical Aggravator selection committee for the purpose of selecting an aggregator.

Unanticipated at time

Of posting:

**Atlantic Canna:**

Three people from Atlantic Canna attended the meeting to speak to the board about the possibility of bringing there cannabis business to town. They explained that they have been looking at several pieces of property in town that they are considering to lease of purchase to start a cannabis manufacturing(growing facility) business, they explained that they are here to see if the town would interested in a signing a host agreement. They also explained that before any final purchase and sale agreement or lease agreement can be sign they must have a host agreement. Discussion ensued. The board is interested in their plans and have asked Kevin to look into what is required for a host agreement and bring it back to the next meeting.

**Request for Reimbursement:**

Kevin asked the board to approve a request for reimbursement for the engineering of the Adamsville Road Bridge.

**MOVED:** Eileen Sauvageau moved to request \$35,595.21 from the Small Bridge Program. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

**Kate Barrows/Nina Anzuoni MTRSD School Committee:**

Kate and Nina attended the meeting to give the board an update on the proposed school budget. They explained that these are only preliminary numbers as there meeting last week was cancelled due to a snow storm. Kate explained that the proposal is for a 2.49% increase. That translates to a \$484,560 increase over last year’s budget. Kate also explained that the increases are in instruction, tuition, operations, and benefits and insurance, she stated that the final assessment will not be available until the end of February. Kate also provided an update on the Best Committee Recommendations.

**Highway Department Operator/Laborer Position Appointment:**

Highway Superintendent Scott Sullivan along with two members of the Personnel Committee attended the meeting to discuss the two finalist for the Highway Department position. The finalists are Stephen Fisher and Brett Roberts. The personnel committees preferred candidate is Stephen Fisher the committee agrees that he is the most qualified candidate, he possesses the credentials necessary with the exception of the hoister’s license. Scott Sullivan’s recommendation is Brett Roberts, Scott stated that Brett does not have all the credentials required for the position, he does not have the CLD license that is required. Scott stated that if Mr. Roberts was hired he would have him use the town pickup truck to plow until he obtains his CDL. Kevin stated that he supports Scott’s recommendation and suggested that if he is hired that he be given 6 months to obtain the required license. Discussion ensued and it was decided that this would be tabled until the next meeting.

**BSC Group Proposal for Bridge/Culvert Assessment and Ranking:**

Kevin presented the board with the Bridge and Culvert proposal.

**MOVED:** Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign the agreement with BSC group for prioritizing and evaluating bridges in town, not to exceed \$25,000. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

**MOVED:** Eileen moved to close the meeting. Meeting closed at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Colleen Worden  
Office Clerk

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Eileen Sauvageau

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Mark Thibodeau-chairman

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Jack Cavolick

## Documents

- FRCOG –Regional Electricity Aggregation Project
- Bridge/Culvert Assessment and Ranking